

SUMMARY REPORT

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EVENT: Recovery Talks: Community Listening Forum

DATE: 04.06.2017

LOCATION: Masapequa High School, Long Island

ACTIVITY: Forum for individuals and family members
on alcoholism/drug addiction

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About Our Event Activity...

Executive Summary

Long Island Recovery Association (LIRA), Drug Free Long Island, and Friends of Recovery - New York co-sponsored the FOR-NY Recovery Talks Community Listening Forum. It was the 16th in a series of local forums being held across New York State to provide community members the opportunity to share their personal experiences with legislators, law enforcement and other leaders in dealing with alcohol and drug addiction, the loss of a family member or friend, as well as recovery from addiction.

Category Public Policy

Number of participants 35

Purpose

- Provide a safe space for individuals and families in recovery to voice their experiences around addiction, loss and recovery.
- Help individuals and families overcome the stigma that prevents many people from seeking help.
- Engage the community in a productive discussion with local leaders that allows for more effective policies on addiction/recovery.

Satisfaction Summary (Using a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 is poor and 5 is excellent...)

Overall ease of event: 5

Overall satisfaction with outcome: 5

Value to Recovery Community: 5

Recommend Repeat of Event (Y/N): Y

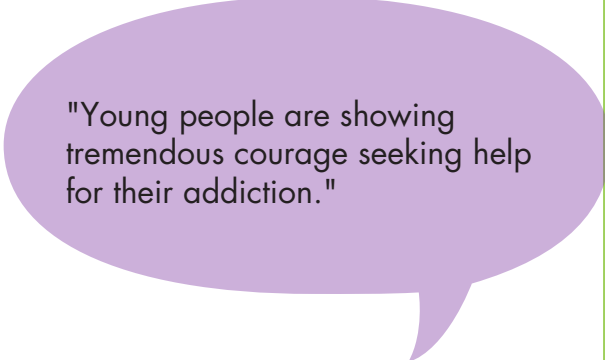
Highlights

- Masapequa, New York is in need of a Recovery High School.
- The Community could benefit from an awareness campaign about addiction and recovery support services.
- Trauma is an indicator of Substance Use Disorder. Treatment for Substance Use Disorder should be evidence based and include trauma based care.

What we Discovered

Findings and Recommendations

- A young man shared the difficulties of suffering from Substance Use Disorder and being in a "regular" school environment. This young man expressed the need to connect with other students and teachers and that perhaps by being a part of a "Recovery High School" he would be in the right environment to learn the right "life skills" and "coping skills" to recover.



"Young people are showing tremendous courage seeking help for their addiction."

- Additional community outreach supports are needed for the religious community on Long Island. Vulnerable youth in need of support for their addiction and recovery are approaching Religious Youth Councils more and more frequently for that needed support.
- Principle of Masapequa High School encouraged Treatment centers to reach out to high school counseling programs which are set up to insulate the at risk or higher needs students from typical mainstream risks through staggered class schedules and use of dedicated building corridors.
- If Trauma is untreated or unrecognized, an individual is more likely to relapse from their recovery. Trauma based care must be included in treatment and recovery services.
- High Schools must address any "open campus" policies in relation to a student returning to school under the influence of drugs due to their Substance Use Disorder.
- In addition to high school students, college age students must also be offered addiction and recovery support services. Also the question of whether a person ages 18-25 must share medical information with parents must be addressed.

Agenda and Participants

- 7:00 pm **Welcome:** Nicole Carey, Friends of Recovery - New York Consultant
- 7:10 pm **Moderator:** Jan Talento, Drug Free Long Island
- Panelists:** • Senator John E. Brooks, 8th Senate District, Long Island
- Richard Buckman, Long Island Recovery Association (LIRA) President
- Angela Piccinnini, YES Community Counseling Center
- Patrick DiClemente, Principal, Masapequa High School
- 7:20pm **Speakers:** Community Members
- 8:40pm **Comments:** Listening Panel
- 8:55pm **Wrap-Up:** Richard Buckman, Long Island Recovery Association Executive Director

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Community Listening Forum on Addiction and Recovery

This is a series of local forums being held across New York State to provide community members the opportunity to share personal experiences in dealing with alcohol and drug addiction, loss of a family member or friend, as well as recovery from addiction.

The Listening Forums will engage the community in discussion with local leaders and result in a report titled, The State of Addiction Recovery in New York to better inform the public and policy makers.

Thursday April 6, 2017

7:00pm - 9:00pm

Massapequa High School
(Little Theatre)
4925 Merrick Road
Massapequa, NY 11758

Register Online
www.lira-nys.org

To Speak Speaker's remarks will be limited to 3 minutes in order to allow as many people as possible to speak



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